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SUBJECT: Joint Capability Areas (JCAs)

The JCAs are fundamental to establishing a common language to support the many DoD capabilities-based planning processes. To broaden JCA use as a framework for capability management throughout the Department, the following tasks are assigned:

- The Institutional Reform & Governance Execution Roadmap co-leads will develop an enterprise-level plan that outlines how best to use JCAs across the spectrum of defense decision-making in a capability-based Environment. They will provide an update to the Deputy's Advisory Working Group within 6 months.
- The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff will conduct a base line reassessment of the JCAs and provide an update to the Deputy's Advisory Working Group within 6 months.

Your assistance in providing the necessary manpower and analytical support to ensure key objectives are achieved is appreciated.



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